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**ALIEN INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL REENTRY,
GUN POSSESSION**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ANASTACIO MORALES-RODRIGUEZ, 33, a citizen of Mexico, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for Illegal Reentry of a Previously Deported Alien and Illegal Possession of a Firearm by an Alien, following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

The indictment alleges that on January 22, 2004, MORALES was found in Indianapolis in possession of a firearm, after having been deported. Federal law prohibits previously deported aliens from reentering the United States without the permission of the Attorney

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General, and prohibits them from possessing firearms.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Mark S. Massa, who is prosecuting the case for the government, MORALES faces a maximum possible prison sentence of up to 10 years on the gun charge and 2 years on the immigration charge and a maximum possible fine of \$\$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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